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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON MULTIFIBER ARRANGEMENT

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1. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SMALL ARTICLES IN THE BRITISH PRESS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS SUGGESTING IN A GENERAL WAY THAT THE U.S. HAS SOFTENED ITS VIEW ON MFA RENEWAL AND MOVED NOTICEABLY TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN POSITION. ONE OR TWO OF THESE ARTICLES ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE JAPANESE ARE ALSO SHIFTING GROUND IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS A RESULT OF THE EASING OF THE U.S. POSITION. THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF ARTICLE OCCURRED YESTERDAY (3/31) WHEN MR. ALLEN CLOUGH, RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH TEXTILE CONFEDERATION, TOLD A FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTER THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE

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U.S. INDUSTRY HAD NOW COME AROUND MORE TO THE EUROPEAN VIEW AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. HAD RECENTLY INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MFA.

2. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO ASSIGN A GREAT DEAL OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE ARTICLES --

PERHAPS THEY ARE JUST WISHFUL THINKING -- BUT WE FLAG
THEM FOR WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION BECAUSE THEY ARE A NEW
ELEMENT IN THE CONTINUING PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON MFA RE-
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